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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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Ms. Vicki L. Hoffsetz Energy Fuels Nuclear, Incorporated One Tabor Center, Suite 2500 1200 Seventeenth Street Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Ms. Hoffsetz:

Request for Surety Release, Straight Creek, M/017/018; Hillside Complex, M/037/015; Sahara Mine, M/015/026; Ivy Mine, S/037/034; Standard II, S/037/011; Far West, M/037/019; Patti Ann, M/037/003; Wood, M/037/021; and Repete, M/037/038; Garfield, San Juan and Emery Counties, Utah

Pursuant to letters received from Energy Fuels, Incorporated on July 27, 1992, requesting total and partial releases for several of their mine sites, I have put together the following summary:

## Mines Which Qualify for Total Release

Based on inspections I conducted last November of 1992, I have recommended total surety release for the following mine sites:

	Mine Name	Mine Number	Surety Amount
	Straight Creek Hillside Complex	M/017/018	\$ 1,050
3.	Sahara	M/037/015 M/015/026	\$ 2,460 \$35,923
4.	Standard II	S/037/011	*
	* (a surety of \$25,	000 is held by	State Lands)

State Lands and Forestry holds a \$25,000 bond on the Standard II Mine. The Division will recommend to State Lands

## that the bond be relinquished.

## Mines Which Qualify for Partial Release

The following mines qualify for a partial release of surety:

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Mine Name	Mine Number	Surety Amount
Far West	M/037/019	\$35,300
Patti Ann	M/037/003	\$23,800

Mr. Bill Almas submitted new surety calculations, \$1,395 and \$1,060 respectively addressing these sites last year. We must still evaluate these to see if they are appropriate. I hope to provide you with our approval of your calculations or new figures by the end of the month. I would not anticipate Board approval of these surety reductions until April 28, 1993.

## Other Sites

The following sites must still be inspected prior to a Division recommendation concerning their status:

	Mine Name	Mine Number	Surety Amount
2.	Wood	M/037/021	\$14,274
	Ivy	S/037/034	no bond
	Repete	M/037/038	\$10,654

I hope to inspect these three sites sometime in late spring '93, when they become more accessible. I have never inspected the Wood, so cannot provide a recommendation at this time. I would like to evaluate the reclamation work and site stability at the Ivy before making a recommendation. Also, I have yet to inspect the Repete mine. My understanding is that this site has not yet been reclaimed.

Please inform me if any of this information conflicts with your records.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd

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